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Chicago Paper Seen Folding

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—Chicago Today, the nation's fifth largest afternoon daily newspaper, will cease publication Sept. 13, WBBM-TV reported today.

The CBS affiliate said the decision was made Tuesday by the Tribune Co., which owns Chicago Today and The Chicago Tribune.

The Tribune, a morning paper, will begin operation as both a morning and afternoon paper on Sept. 16, the station said.

Robert Twilling, a Tribune spokesman, said he would "neither confirm nor deny" the report. Chicago Today executives were unavailable for comment.

Today, a tabloid, began in April, 1969, as a redesigned version of Chicago's American. The Tribune purchased the American from the Hearst Corp. in 1956.